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NOTICES.

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LEGAL NOTICES

WANTS.

Michael Fitzpatrick.
INFORMATION WANTED OF MICHAEL FITZPATRICK, a native of New York City, who left Charlottetown, County of Prince Edward, on Yule eve, Victoria, V. I., February 1, 1865, conveying all their estate and effects to William Gilbert Hayes Admon on Government Street, Victoria, V. I., and whose wife will be thenceforward received by his brother and sister.

FOR SALE-TO LET.

For Sale or Lease.

Those premises known as the
"ROYAL HOTEL,"
Situated in
Hillburton street, Nanaimo,

Dinneford's
FLUID MAGNESIA!

HAS BEEN, DURING TWENTY FIVE YEARS, emphatically recommended by the Medical Profession, and universally adopted by the Public.

THE BEST REMEDY FOR

Acidity of the Stomach, Heartburn,

Headache, Gout, and Indigestion,

and a Mild Agent for deliquescent Complaints, more especially for Lame and Children. Contains

the good Will, Stock, Bar Fixtures,

etc., etc., will be disposed of

at an ACCORDINGLY REDUCED PRICE.

The position of the Hotel renders it easy of access to all parts of the Island, and of great value, as it is unoccupied.

That portion of the building is the accompaniment of a large and airy room, and will soon prove popular in point of comfort with the Family Hotel of Victoria and San Francisco. The Royal Hotel is situated in a quiet and convenient part of the town, and contains several spacious Dining and Sitting rooms, a Capital, a more comfortable and airy Drawing room, and a Kitchen, and the house is rapidly extending in that direction, the amount of business transacted will go on steadily increasing.

Porterage, 2/-

ESSRS. PECK & SABINSON
On the premises

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TO LET.

SA FIRE-PROOF BRICK STORE
On Wharf street, near corner of Port
T. O. CONNOR,
Terms moderate. Apply to
THOMAS GOLDEN.

For Sale or to Let.

THE

FASHION HOTEL

AND

CONCERT ROOM!

And all the appurtenances there-

to belonging.

IT HAVING BECOME NECESSARY

for us to despatch the removal of the

above named premises, he is anxious to dispose

of the same on reasonable terms, and will

be pleased to receive offers.

CHARLES WRIGHT,
376, F.R. L.D., LONDON,
EXPORT, WHOLESALE & RETAIL,
ESTABLISHED 1840.

Orders payable in 21 days, carefully shipped

Postage included.

Any one can use them.

A basin of water is all that is required to produce

the most brilliant and fashionable colour.

Silk, Woolens, Cottons, Ribbons, &c., in

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Lodging Departments,

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WILL BE CONTINUED OPEN for the accommoda-

tion of the public under the management of

MR. CHAS. BROOKS.

N. B. - THE CONCERT ROOM IS PERMA-

NENTLY CLOSED, and particular attention is

paid to the **PIANO-FORTE** and **PIANO**,

which is offered for sale at a very low

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JOHN C. KENNEDY,

For further particulars apply on the premises of

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THE BRITISH COLONIST

Monday Morning, Feb. 12, 1866.

To Advertisers & the Public:

THE DAILY BRITISH COLONIST, published every morning (Sundays excepted); in the English language, and is the only journal in Her Majesty's Possessions on the Pacific.

Subscribers may have the same letter their residence at 25 cents per week, by furnishing their address at the Office of Public Notices.

THE WEEKLY BRITISH COLONIST, published every Tuesday, to be made ready at the Office of Public Notices, for mailing, at 20 cents per week, payable to the carrier.

JOB PRINTING.

THE BRITISH COLONIST, publishing every morning, and large additions to their stock of news and general Jobbing type, will execute orders to any extent with neatness and dispatch, at a slight advance on San Francisco prices.

BIRTHS, DEATHS, AND MARRIAGES.

In all notices of Births, Deaths, and Marriages intended for insertion in this paper must be prepaid at the following rates: For Births and Marriages, \$1 50; for Deaths, \$1 with funeral notice \$1 00.

THE BRITISH COLUMBIAN ESTIMATES.

The estimates of the British Columbian Government have been laid before the Legislative Council. The items for the first time appear in dollars in cents, almost the only improvement we are sorry to say, which presents itself in the whole financial statement. We find, with one or two exceptions, the same expensive establishments, the same exorbitant salaries and the same endless staff of officials. The reason given by Mr. Ball, the presiding officer of the Council, for retaining things pretty much as they are is rather unique in its way. "It is a question," says Mr. Ball, "for this House to consider whether it would be wise, whether it would be politic, to attempt to abolish offices which the prosperity of the Colony and increased population in perhaps two years might oblige them to remake." Here we have the possibility of being obliged to remake offices in two years' time set against the saving of thousands of dollars of the public money in the interim. It is a rather novel sort of economy certainly to tell the broken-down merchant to keep up his staff of clerks and office expenses, because in two years' time business might improve and the clerks might be required. We cannot, however, single out Mr. Ball as being the only enunciator of this new economic theory—we have the same ideas exactly among the principal officials of Vancouver Island. Let the country go to bankruptcy, but preserve us our official staff!

The extent of the British Columbian re-trenchment is not even the \$30,000 promised by Mr. Birch, but, according to Mr. Ball, about \$18,000 on the establishments. The "reductions have been principally effected in the magisterial departments in the interior." There are no reductions in the official encampment at New Westminster—none in the extravagant list of Gold Commissioners, Assistant Gold Commissioners, and their innumerable aids. In fact in looking over the establishments we are led, by the pompous official titles, the number of the staff, and the amount of the salaries, unconsciously, as it were, to fancy that we are perusing the statement of the expenditure of the rich Australian colony of Victoria, with its 600,000 of a population. For the Gold Commissioner of the Columbia River and Kootenay District, we have a salary of \$3,800 with an allowance of \$485, making in all \$4,365 a year. Besides this officer are two assistant gold commissioners for the same district, with salaries and allowances of \$2,646 each. With a consideration that the Government credit these gentlemen are furnished with the additional sum of \$1,500 for fuel and light—making in all a sum of \$11,155 for three officers to look after the miners in Big Bend and Kootenay. When we add the other items of expenditure—clerks, constables, &c.—we have \$21,997. For Cariboo East and West we have \$17,372, making a total of in round numbers for the mining districts of \$40,000. For the Hope, Yale, and Lytton District and the District of Lillooet, there is put down the sum of \$16,100, the principal portion of which could be easily saved by the establishment of municipal institutions in those places. Enormous as the expenses of the above districts are, however, we think they are even out-herded by the departments at New Westminster. We have first the Governor receiving the additional salary of \$5,000 as an offering from the service element in the Council. Of all the acts which deserve reprobation at the hands of the people of British Columbia, this voluntary offer by the so-called "people's representatives" of an additional £1,000 to the Governor—an additional tax on the inhabitants at a time when they are staggering beneath insupportable public burdens—this attempt to show to what a depth of abjectness the "representatives" could abase themselves, stands out most glaring. Its parallel is not to be found in the most despicable pages of colonial history. The act only shows, however, the danger of having a small representative element in a nominative Council; instead of the public interests being served or guarded by such a body, we shall find these representatives far more eager than the officials themselves to pander to those high in authority. The following table will show succinctly the exorbitant character of the civil expenditure:—

£21,929
Legislative Council..... 2,220
Colonial Secretary..... 16,195
Treasurer..... 9,427
Assay and Refinery Office..... 4,730
Auditor General..... 4,080
Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works..... 13,955
Customs..... 13,848
Registrar General..... 2,925
Harbor Master..... 5,400
Post Office..... 4,310
Total..... \$98,719

The total amount of estimated expenditure for the present year, not including the subsidy for steam communication, is \$723,366, of which \$125,500 is to be spent on roads, streets and bridges, \$26,000 on works and buildings, and \$31,281 for carrying the mails. The latter sum will have to be supplemented by \$40,000 or \$50,000 for the hobby of direct steam communication with San Francisco—making in round numbers \$230,000 on works of public utility. The following table shows the expenditure on roads:

New road from Cache Creek to Savana's Ferry..... \$18,500
Trails from Shuswap Lake to Columbia River, and in the Columbia and Big Bend Districts..... 17,000
Completion of Trail from Osoyoos to Wild Horse Creek..... 13,000
Stile Roads, New Westminster to Yale..... 5,600
Trail, Bridge River District..... 6,000
Trails in the Cariboo District..... 1,600
Completing Alexandra and Quesnel Roads (a re-vote)..... 12,400

Completing Cottonwood to Richfield (a re-vote)..... 12,600
Fifth installment on Richfield and Cranbrook Road (a re-vote)..... 3,35
Road to Lumber Mills, Burned Inlet..... 2,000
Repairs of Road, Douglas to Clinton..... 8,000
" " Clinton to Canoeon..... 3,650
" " Hope to Osoyoos..... 2,000
Roads in New Westminster District..... 1,500
and Improvements to Streets in New Westminster (a re-vote) 4,000

Total Roads, Streets and Bridges, \$125,500

The following is a statement of the estimated revenue:

Customs..... \$30,650
Port and Harbor Dues..... 37,150
Road Tolls..... 55,000
Excise Duties..... 1,500
Land Sales..... 15,500
Land Revenue..... 5,000
Hents, exclusive of land..... 3,000
Free Miners' Certificates..... 26,750
Mining Receipts General..... 26,750
Licenses..... 49,000
Postage..... 9,000
Fines, Forfeitures and fees of court..... 7,250
Fees of Office..... 6,600
Sale of Government Property..... 1,000
Reimbursement in aid of expenses incurred by Government..... 2,990
Miscellaneous receipts..... 800

Total Revenue..... 698,810
Portion of loan of 1864 undrawn 80,000
Due by Imperial Government (military balance)..... 43,500
Due by Imperial Government on Pensions paid in 1865..... 726

The amount due by British Columbia is over \$1,000,000, and the interest on the debt comes to \$66,620. Altogether the state of the finances of the neighbouring colony is a subject for serious consideration. Nothing but the most sweeping reductions in the expenditure will save the country from hopeless bankruptcy—and nothing it is now quite evident will effect this but union of the colonies.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

House of Assembly.

THE SELECT COMMITTEE ON PRIVATE

Bills will meet at 11 a. m., THIS DAY.

Victoria Rifle Volunteer Corps.

GENERAL ORDER.

THE CORPS WILL PARADE IN FULL

Uniform, on Tuesday, at the Hudson Bay Company's Drill Hall, for the purpose of attending the funeral of Robert Marr, late member of No. 1 Company.

By order of the Captain Commandant.

J. GORDON VINTER

Lieut. and Adj't.

Company Orders

NO. 1 COMPANY

Monday at 8 p. m., Drill Hall.

No. 2 COMPANY

Tuesday, at 8 p. m., Drill Hall.

BAYONET EXERCISE

Tuesday, 8:30 p. m.; Thursday, 8 p. m.

Friday, 8 p. m., at Drill Hall.

By order,

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PUBLIC NOTICE.

THE CONVEYANCE OF MAILS

THROUGH BRITISH COLUMBIA.

Conveyance of Mails through

British Columbia.

SEALLED TENDERS WILL BE RECEIVED

AT THE GENERAL POST OFFICE, NEW WESTMINSTER, UP TO 12 O'CLOCK (NOON) OF THE 17TH

FEBRUARY, 1866, FOR THE CONVEYANCE OF LETTERS,

TELEGRAMS, USED GOVERNMENT MAIL MATTER,

THROUGH BRITISH COLUMBIA, FOR ONE YEAR, FROM

1ST MARCH, NEXT, ON THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS:

1ST MARCH, TO 1ST APRIL, AND FROM

1ST APRIL, TO 1ST MAY, AND SO ON,

ONE TWELFTH PART OF THE FEE,

THE BRITISH COLONIST

Monday Morning, Feb 12, 1866.

COMMERCIAL

The STEAMER Sir James Douglas arrived a half past twelve on Saturday night from Nanaimo, having towed down the ship Hebe to Royal Roads, coal laden for San Francisco. She left Nanaimo at half-past seven a.m.

From NANAIMO.—The schooner Indian Maid arrived yesterday from Nanaimo with coal to R. Brodrick. She left that port on Saturday afternoon.

From Sooke.—The scow Matilda arrived from Sooke with 15 tons hay, 500 sacks for shipment to Sandwich Islands, and pickets.

COAL.—The schooner Meg Merrilles arrived yesterday from Nanaimo with a cargo of coal to R. Brodrick.

From DUNGENESS.—The schooner Spravir arrived yesterday from Dungeness with a cargo of hay and grain.

From BURRARD'S INLET.—The sloop Thornton arrived from Burrard Inlet with a cargo of lumber.

The Sloop LETITIA arrived with hay and grain from Puget Sound.

VICTORIA MARKETS.

SATURDAY EVENING, Feb. 10.
A slight improvement in trade during the past week. Flours and Beans have advanced a little. All other articles remain firm at former rates.

Jobbing rates:

FLOUR—Extra, \$9 50 per bushel; Superfine, 8 50; Medium, 8 00; Fine, 7 50 per bushel.

CORNMEAL—8d per bushel.

BUCKWHEAT FLOUR—8d per bushel.

RAVEN FLOUR—7s 7d per bushel.

BEANS—White, 6d per bushel; Pink and Red, 5d 6d per bushel.

RICE—Ghee Rice, 7s 6d per bushel.

SUGAR—Extra, 8s 10d per bushel; Medium, 8s 00; Fine, 7s 50 per bushel.

COFFEE—2s 6d per pound.

TEA—2s 6d per pound.

YERG'S PUDDING—\$6 75 per bushel.

CANDLES—\$6 75 per bushel.

SOAP—\$2 2s 7d per pound.

BUTTER—Best, 10s 4d per pound.

DRYING APPARATUS—\$10 00 per bushel.

CHERRIES—22s 2d per bushel.

LAIRD—2s 6d per pound.

BAKON—Prime—2s 6d per pound; Ordinary, 22s 2d per pound.

HAMS—Prime—2s 6d per pound; Ordinary, 22s 2d per pound.

WHEAT—3s 6d per bushel.

OATS—4s 2d per bushel.

BAKERY—1s 2d per bushel.

GROUNDS—BAKERY—2s 6d per bushel.

MIDDING—2s 2d per bushel.

DAIRY—2s 6d per bushel.

POTATOES—1s 1d per bushel.

HAY—1s 1d per bushel.

ONIONS—4s 2d per bushel.

CONSIGNMENTS.

Per ship SEVERN, from London.—Dickson, Campbell & Co., Anderson & Co., J. M. Walsh, F. Dally, Oder, James Langley, Fellow Boswell & Co., Moore & Co., Hibben & Carswell, the Wakefield, & H. P. Clark, Captain of the Royal Engineers, Mr. C. G. Goldstone, B. E., J. Neshit, Sir James Douglas K. C. B., Henderson & Burnaby, Right Rev. Bishop D'Herbier, J. J. Janion Green & Rhodes, E. Mallandaine, Officer Administering the Government B. C. & Co., H. Nathan, J. L. Langley & Co., Mr. & Mrs. W. G. Drinkwater, Bonner & Co., John Wilkie & Co., G. J. Findlay, Mr. Albie Endy.

MEMORANDA.

Per ship SEVERN from London, James Craigie, Master.—Sailed from London Aug 27; 46 days to the line with fine weather; arrived off the Horn in 39 days, very bad weather; had heavy N. E. and E. gales from 30° north; arrived off Cape Flattery Friday 4 p.m., anchored in Esquimalt on Saturday at 9 o'clock, a.m.

MAINE INTELLIGENCE.

ENTERED.—Feb. 10.—Ship Severn, Craigie, London.

CLEARED.—Feb. 10.—None.

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At the Royal Hospital, on the 9th inst., Robert Marr, aged 26 years, a native of London, England.

ST. ANDREW'S CATHEDRAL.—A numerous and respectable congregation assembled at the Roman Catholic Church on Humboldt street last evening to hear a lecture delivered by the Rev. Father Bouchard on the "Trials of the Church." The rev. gentlemen drew largely from historical sources, both ancient and modern, portraying in vivid language the persecutions and triumphs of his peculiar religious faith in all ages. He dilated at some length upon the dangers which have beset the progress of Romanism in its later days, and allured the audience by his eloquent oration, which characterized the present generation. The sermon, which was listened to with great attention, evinced much industry of research and ecclesiastical erudition. In the course of the service there was a collection in aid of the funds of the Orphan Asylum, the amount of which we did not learn.

SALE OF WRECKED BARK MUSTANG.—The interests in the hull and cargo of this vessel were sold on Saturday at public auction. The hull was bought by Mr. Wm. Lyons for \$220, as well as the cargo, except a few trifling interests. We understand that Capt. Wright of the steamer Diana, and several others, are interested in the speculation, which, unless the wind and waves and the Indians have committed too many trespasses on the property, will doubtless turn out to be a profitable investment.

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PRINCE OF WALES.—Oxford Hats, received for "Domino's" from Townsend & Co., London.—A fine invoice of the above very stylish and fashionable Hats.—ADAMS, Picard's Hatter, Government street and Trounce Alley.

The ELECTION CLASS will meet this evening as usual at eight o'clock.

THE ACTIVE AT NEW WESTMINSTER.—The steamer Active, Captain Thorn, proceeded on Saturday morning to New Westminster to commence her contract with the Government of that colony for carrying the mail to San Francisco. The U. S. Consul, Mr. Francis, and a number of invited friends, accompanied the steamer to New Westminster and back, but not, having ourselves been among the number we can only mention what we know of the trip from hearay. The Active made the time going in seven hours and a half. At the light ship Captain Cooper, the harbormaster, came on board and piloted the ship up. The inhabitants of the sister capital, who had been sold by several false announcements, turned out en masse when the Active made her appearance, and banners were displayed and the firing of cannon and general cheering for the evening Captain. The men of the Active, the crew of the steamer to Lytton and Lillooet and back.

ARRIVAL FROM ENGLAND.—The ship Severn, 502 tons register, Captain Craigie, arrived in Esquimalt harbor on Saturday morning, at nine o'clock, 169 days from London, which port she left on the 29th August. She brings one passenger, Mr. Christopher Brandon. She has on board a large quantity of naval stores and miscellaneous goods, as per manifest published elsewhere, and comes assigned to Henry Nathan, Esq., of this city. The Seaven draws from 17 to 18 feet water, and after discharging part cargo at Esquimalt she will be brought round here. Her crew will be found under the proper head.

THE COMMITTEE ON PRIVATE BILLS will meet to-day, at 11 a.m., in the committee room.

LETTER FROM THE REV. MR. HALL.

The following letter, from the Rev. Mr. Hall, to a friend in this colony, will be read with interest by our readers:

The bark Tyra, for Sydney, Sept. 19, 1865. I write on the deck of an oil trader bound for Sydney, in port, after a favorable voyage, we hope to drop anchor in a few days.

YESTERDAY DRAWS—\$6 75 per bushel.

CORNMEAL—8d per bushel.

BUCKWHEAT FLOUR—8d per bushel.

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